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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government can take no further action until they receive the orders of the Government of India.

Settlement

Reports of Mr. Turing and Mr. Tampoe referred to in the scheme report for the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 133 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House copies of the reports of Mr. Turing and Mr. Tampoe referred to on page 57 of the Settlement Officer's report?

A.—The reports were not written for publication and the Government do not propose to publish them. A summary of the reports was given in the Press Communiqué dated 15th September 1916, a copy of which is laid on the table [a] as it may not now be easily available.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know whether it is a fact that the Settlement Officer based his remarks on the reports in question and not on the Press Communiqué laid on the table now? If that is so, why do the Government not lay on the table the reports themselves which contain a true description of the defects in the delta."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"He has not based his recommendations on the reports. He stated the reports were corroborative evidence in support of his recommendations."

Government Press

Alleged dismissal of certain compositors in the Government Press.

* 134 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the services of Ratnasabapathi, Ratnam and Rajagopal, compositors, and of Tirumalai, type-caster, in the Government Press, have been summarily dispensed with, and if so, why;

(*b*) whether Swaminathan, Duraiswami and Guruswami, compositors, Natesan, machine-minder, and Perumal, imposer, were suspended either for a week or for a day, and if so, why; and

(*c*) whether these cases have been examined by Government and with what results?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information regarding Ratnam and Rajagopal. Ratnasabapathi, a temporary employee, has been discharged as his work was unsatisfactory. Tirumalai has been dismissed and his appeal is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Ratnasabapathi appealed to Government and his appeal was dismissed. Tirumalai has appealed and his appeal is under the consideration of Government. Government have not examined the remaining cases.

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[a] Separately laid on the table.

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11-15 a.m. Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know, Sir, with reference to clause (b), why the Government have no information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There is no record in this office. It relates to punishments awarded by the Superintendent, Government Press. The Press alone will have that information."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I should like to know whether a register of punishments is not maintained in the Government Press and whether that register is not available for scrutiny by the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB BAHADUR :—" If the hon. Member wants the information, I will get it."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" With that view only the question was asked."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" If such a record was available, why, when an explicit question was asked, the Government did not think it necessary to get the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The reason is that it is not a very important matter at all."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" In the answer to clause (c), the Government say that they have not examined the remaining cases. May I know why ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If they had preferred the appeal in time the Government would have examined them."

Mr. P. BHAKTHAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" The answer to clause (b) is that the Government have no information. Is it because it is inconvenient to give the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered that question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that suspensions, dismissals, etc., have been very large in the Government Press ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" If he knew that, why does he say that he has not got the information called for in clause (b) ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " About this particular question I have no information. In reply to another question I have given detailed information."

Alleged withholding of leave salary to one Venugopal, machine-minder in the Government Press.

*135 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one M. E. Venugopal, machine-minder and a member of the Government Press Employees' Association, applied for leave with a medical certificate in October 1927 but was only granted leave without pay ;

(b) whether the applicant was then eligible for leave with pay ;